Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The supply during the rainy season is from the Jail wells and during summer the water is carted from outside wells and from Peringavu Water Works in carts and lorries.

(b) The wells are almost dried up during these months.

(c) The water is supplied from a distance of a mile and a half and it is taken in carts and lorries during the summer months.

(d) There is some scarcity but arrangements have been made for providing an adequate supply of water.

(e) To deepen the Sankariah well in the Jail and install a two Horse Power Engine or to lay pipe connection from the Peringavu Water Works to the Jail.

Instructions in the improved methods of Agriculture to the public.

110. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Agriculturists in the rural areas are given instructions in the improved methods of Agriculture;

(b) if so, how;

(c) are there many instances of rural areas having benefited by such instructions;

(d) how many times during the current year has the Agricultural Superintendent visited Nemmara;

(e) how many times have demonstrators and other members of the staff, if any, visited Nemmara this year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) By informal discussions with ryots, publication of leaflets, lectures on various subjects, by actual demonstrations on the ryots' lands in manuring, spraying for diseases and combating insect pests.

(c) Yes.

(d) Once.

(e)

Chemistry Assistant	Once.
Economic Botanist	Once.
Entomologist	Once.
Agricultural Inspector, Chittur	26 times.
Fieldman	15 ,,

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know, Sir.....

President.—Since the Hon'ble Member who put the question is not in his place, I do not think other Hon'ble Members can put supplementary questions on it.

Dr. A. G. Monon.—On a point of order. Suppose the Hon'ble Member is here and he does not want to put supple-

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mentary questions. Are the other members debarred from putting supplementary questions?

President.—No. But if the Hon'ble Member is not in his place, you must take it that the question is not put.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is presumed that the question is put by the mere fact that it is given in the answer paper.

President.—I do not think that can be presumed. If it were so why should we have any question time at all? The questions are printed for the convenience and information of the House and the question is put by an Hon'ble Member in the Council.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—When we send a question the presumption is that we are putting the question.

President.—No. If that were so, we need not have a time allotted for questions. If a question is put by simply sending it there is no logic in having a time allotted in the House. It would be sufficient if the question and answer were printed. A question is put when it is called by the Secretary in this House and if the Hon'ble Member is not then in his place the question cannot be considered to have been put.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Then should the proceedings containing the questions come into the proceeding proper if the Member is not in his seat when the question is called?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Would these answers be incorporated in the proceedings? The practice is to incorporate these into the proceedings even if the Member is absent.

President.—I will consider that. But I am definitely of opinion that unless an Hon'ble Member is in his seat the question is not put and so no other Member can put supplementary questions on it. Rule 13 supports this view. It is against the interpretation which the Hon'ble Member wants me to adopt.

"The President may rule that an answer to a question in the statement of business for the day shall be given on the ground of public interest even though the question is not put or the Member in whose name it stands is absent".

So if he is absent the question is not put. The other question, whether it should be printed in the proceedings, I will consider.

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